A mery Prostication

For the yere of Christes incarnacyon
A thousande fyue hundreth forty & foure
This to pronostycate I may be bolde
That whā the newe yere is come gone is ȳ olde.

F this yere for to pronosticate
It appertyneth nat to a toole nor dodypate
To pronostyque of the influence of this yere
For thoughe they wolde they were neuer the nere
But I shal tell you of this pronostycacion
Wherin it taketh his cheke foundacyon

¶ Of the Eclyps.

¶ Whan I conpyre Ptholome I fynde
That the Eclyps of the soune doth passe my mide
For Capricornus & Aries declarynge the same
That Cancer and Libra were out of frame
Saturne and Mars sheweth it playne
The eyght day of Apryl it may chaūce to rayne
For Jupiter and Taurus when all is done
Declareth a certayne Eclyps of the sonne
But Uenus and Mercury by theyr operacyon
Denyeth that Virgo hath any constyllacyon
For the Eclyps of the sonne & also of the Moone
Shal be surely, I can nat tell howe soone
Wherfore Ptholome in his Centiloquium
Telleth not before what after shal come
Therfore I pronostyque as nye as I can
Of thynges that shal happen nowe and than
And surely or the yere go about
Some of them may chaunce without doubt

☞ Of the foure quarters of this yere.

Bycause in heuen there be many martyrs
Truely this yere shalbe foure quarters.

Wynter, Pryme tyme, Somer and Harueſt
But here Ptholome I fynde thou iwarneſt
For Ptholome sheweth not wherof I woudre
That Virgo is a marueylous signe of thundre
Venus and Jupiter be moyſte and colde
Noughty signes for them that be olde
But I saye yf the nyneth daye of Nouembre
Had fallen vpon tenth daye of Decembre
It had bene a merueylous hote yere for bees
For then had the Moone ben lyke a grene chese
Somer begyneth the fyrſt daye of June
And they shal go bare for that haue no shewe
Sometyme inclyned to be hote in the ayre
Yf it be nat foule, then it shal be fayre
For Mars and Mercury be sygnes of heate
Men shal nat be colde as longe as they sweate
By the reason that Libra in the occidental
Shal be wyndye and drye in the Eclyptial
For Saturne, and Mars, and also Libra
Be precedent with a sextile, et cetera.

¶ Of the twelue monethes.

Bycause that Saturne is dominator here
I fynde ẏ ther shalbe twelue monethes thys yere
And euery moneth contaynynge foure wekes
Bycause in lent they make portage with tekes
Dayes and houre shal nat be straunge
For euery moneth the Mone shal chaunge
By Mars and Mercury sometyme I fynde
That this yeare shalbe great store of wynde
For men and women whā they haue wel dynde
Shal haue no power to holde fast behynde

The blastz shalbe boisterous, byg & outragious
Wherfore the ayre must nedes be contagious
And except that God worke by his great grace
The wynde shal nat alway stāde styl i one place
Sometyme the blastes shalbe pretye and softe
And sometyme of force they shal come a loft
But if the blastes breake out, beyonde ẏ brynke
The cloudes cānot be clēly, but ẏ ayre shal stike

By Venus and Virgo it appereth playne
That enuyous persons shalbe ful of disdayne
Sometyme frost and sometyme snowe
And sōetyme in the element ꝑchāce a rayn bowe
Sometyme mystes with moystnes mutablē
Bycause that Venus in thys poynt is varyable
Than the cocke crewe and than it was day
Thā the bullocke brake lose & the rope rāe away

¶ Of diseases and syckenesses.

Dyuers dyseales shal rayne this yere
Some shal dye, and some shal tary here
Some shal haue such sore payne in theyr hedes
They shall slepe on benches for lacke of beddes
A cōmon disease both in towne and cytye
Shal raygne this yere, the more is the pytye
Aswell in the countre as in the cytye towne
Many shal nat be able to chaunge a crowne
And some shal synge so wofull a note
That they shal not be able to chaunge a grote
Thys is bycause of the Eclyps of the Mone
Some shal sope theyr potage for lack of a spon
In the the somer tyme shalbe suche an heate

For Saturne and Mars haue ful wel diſcuſt
That in the eclyps Mercury is combuſt

¶ Of ſuche as be vnder the ſonne.

Kynges, Prynces, and Lordes of myght
This yere ſhal le the ſonne gyue lyght
Except the cloudes ſo couer her beames
Or elles ſhe ſhal ſhyne in al Chriſten realmes

☞ Of the Venuſtians

The childrē of Venus ſhal proſper but lytle
Becauſe that lazers ſhalbe in the ſpyttle
Some childrē of Venus ſhal burne in ſuch loue
That their handes ſhalbe fyt for euery gloue
Some wyl loue more than a thouſande folde
But hote loue this yere wylbe loue colde

¶ Of Marcurialles

Aduocates, & oratours wt ỹ good pore proctors
Shalbe i as good caſe as ſom honeſt doctours
The eclyps declareth them to be ſuſpecte
Of takyng of bribes beyng therwithin fecte

☞ Of Lunatiſtes.

Meſſangers wyttes ſhalbe ſo farre ſpent
Somtymes ſhal forget wherfore they wer ſent
Marynars ſhal ſayle into many landes
But ſome parchaunce ſhal ſtycke in the ſandes
Yf madmen this yere be as mad as hartes
Then ſhal madmen play madmens partes
To declare any farther of the eclyps of the ſōne
I can do no more then I haue done

The fassyon of vs prnostycators, euermore was
To speake of some thynges ẏ neuer came to pas
Therfore when yeshal our falsholde espye
Do nomore but gyue vs a lytle leaue to lye

Of kynges.

What kynges shal do this yere I cannot tel
For in Gods secretes I was neuer sene so well
But I trust that Henry our most noble kynge
Contynually in honour shal florysshe & sprynge
W Kateryne his wyfe & Prynce Edwarde his son
And aswell for do as they haue hetherto done

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